

# IN A WRECK ON THE F. C. AND P. THIS MORNING.

Freight Train Backing Into a Switch When Cars Were Derailed.—Conductor Thomas Smiley Killed.

There was a disastrous wreck on the Florida Central and Peninsular road Tuesday at Cayce's, a small station just across the Congaree river from Columbia. The wrecked train was a through vegetable train. Conductor Thomas Smiley was instantly killed and flagman Wylie was badly injured.

The freight train was backing into a switch when several of the cars were derailed. Conductor Smiley was standing on one of the cars when it toppled over. He was caught beneath the wheels and his body was cut in two.

Flagman Wylie was also on top of the train and his injuries were caused by jumping.

The wrecked train was clearing the way for the Florida train that reaches Charlotte at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Tuesday morning this train was about two hours late on account of the disaster.

## Brief Glimpses of the General News.

The Senate has agreed to vote on the ratification of the Anglo-American peace treaty May 5. Two columns in the rear of the summer home of Oliver G. Jennings, at Fairfield, Conn., were blown up presumably by dynamite.

Workmen dug a hole for an electric pole in front of the house of Mrs. Gilbert, at Sheepshod Bay, N. Y. She promptly dropped in the hole, and the workmen were compelled to dig another.

Joseph Dunlop, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, who is serving a term of imprisonment for sending obscene matter through the mails, is seeking a pardon on the ground of ill health.

At a meeting of the General Society, Sons of the Revolution, held at Philadelphia, steps were taken for a union with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Frost has seriously injured the strawberry crop in Missouri's great fruit belt.

Congressman Meyer of Louisiana says that if the cane fields of Louisiana are submerged there will be no profitable crop for three years.

The International Theosophical Convention meets in New York next week.

Private John Allen of Mississippi says he is not registered on any side of any Democratic row at Washington, and is consequently seeing the fun on all sides.

James H. Lewis, Congressman from Washington, is trying to have the McKinley Monetary Commission discharged. He says they are a useless expense to the Government.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

—T. H. B. Haase, a prominent mine owner, is in the city. Mr. Haase owns large interests in Mecklenburg mines.

—Engineer Kinney is still at St. Peter's Hospital. He is improving daily and will be moved to his home in Thomsville in a few days.

—The condition of Mr. W. H. Justice is much improved. He is now able to articulate and his general condition is much better.

—Capt John R. Erwin and Capt. W. S. Mallory have gone to Wilmington to attend the grand council of the Royal Arcanum, which meets today.

—The relay race between Charlotte and Concord will take place at no distant day. Mr. Fitzsimons tells THE NEWS that much interest is manifested by wheelmen in this city and Concord.

—Schrader, the fakir, who claimed to be a "Divine Healer," and who spent Sunday in Charlotte last winter riding the principal streets on a bicycle, is showing himself at a dime museum in Allegheny, Pa.

—The Bessemer Messenger today says: "The post office matters at Gastonia and Charlotte are assuming violent proportions. Loftin and Jenkins are the principal contestants at Gastonia and Cole and Muller at Charlotte."

## WILL NOT YIELD.

COMMISSIONER McDONALD SAYS COMMISSION WILL WORK ROADS.

County Treasurer Has No Road Money. Can Pay Nothing Out of General Fund, and How Work is to be Continued is a Problem.

Road Commissioner McDonald said to a News reporter today: "We are going to work the roads, if not in one way we will in another. We are pledged to push the roads to the river; it will not only help those living along the route, but will improve Charlotte trade. All roads should lead to Rome, and this is Rome. You can say that there will be trouble about money to pay the grants and provide for the convicts. The Road Commission has several offers to continue the work in different townships."

In the Mecklenburg road case Treasurer Walker has been sustained in his decision to pay no money out of the general county fund on the warrants of the new road and convict commission. The supreme court handed down its decision in the case of Chambers vs. Walker yesterday. The case was this: F. D. Chambers & Co. furnished \$5 worth of groceries to feed the county convicts. John O. Alexander, chairman of the new convict and road commission, gave an order for the amount on E. H. Walker, county treasurer. His attorneys advised him that under the new law he could pay out no money on the warrant of the road commission except from the special road fund that fund being exhausted, he refused to pay the order. The attorneys, Clark and Dais, for the treasurer, and Jones and Tillet for the road commission, agreed upon a case which was argued before Judge Norwood. The judge decided that the treasurer had no right to pay the order of the road commission out of the general county fund. The supreme court has just affirmed Judge Norwood's decision.

Road Fund Exhausted. County Treasurer Walker tells a News reporter the special road fund of the county is entirely exhausted, and that under the decision of the court, he can pay no orders of the convict and road commission.

The road commission has charge of all the convicts, camps and road machinery, these having been turned over to them the first of April. It will require money to maintain this force, and the road commission has no money. Therefore, if the road system remains in the hands of the commission, work on the county roads will cease.

WILL CONTINUE WORK. It is reported, and on good authority, that if the Road Commission will turn the convicts and road machinery over to the county commissioners, work on the county roads will be continued, and if necessary money will be borrowed to continue the work.

P. S. I. had almost forgotten to mention electric lights, legislative salary, enhanced value to property from McDowell's tunneling improvements, and prospective profits on long time contracts, with the city street railroad privileges, etc., etc., etc.

I wish to correct "Financier" in his statement in one particular. Dr. H. M. Wilder has been county physician for about 18 years, at an annual salary, average, of \$800, so his account should be as follows:

To salary, 18 years, as county physician, at \$800 per year \$14,400

Instead of \$7,200. This makes the grand total received by the county \$91,200; or \$22,800 per capita.

What is the negro in the wood-pile? Patriotism?

PIE COUNTER. Some Methods of Getting Votes. To the Editor of THE NEWS.

CITY, April 20.—I attended a Springs meeting a day or so ago and it was a disgrace to the white race, the way the white men mixed with the colored. After they broke up it would be in a big drunk. Over ten gallons of liquor was treated out to the colored and white brethren who said they were Springs men. I saw three white men who said they went there as supporters of Mr. Springs, but they now denounce said meeting in bitter terms, and today are in the great Democratic spirit which will soon land a Democrat in the mayor's chair. White men, where are you? Now let us all go to work and by election day there will not be a hundred white men in the city who will support Mr. Springs. There seems to be a dark hole on College street where a great many loafers congregate, and there is money in the air from some quarters. Men who never had five dollars seem to be loaded down with silver and gold and mean liquor from the way they cut up last night on College street. Such misbehavior is biding the best element closer together. I, with Henry and many others, call upon Mr. Springs to withdraw, as nothing awakes him but certain defeat.

CITIZEN OF WARD TWO. N. W. Notes from Stanley.

STANLEY, N. C., April 21.—Miss Bessie Freeman gave her school a picnic on the South Fork river last Friday; they were accompanied by several young people from here, and several of the young ladies from Gaston College joined them in the afternoon. All admit a pleasant time. Miss Lida Adams has returned to her home, Gastonia, after spending some time at Dr. McCluney's.

Quite a number of people attended the special services at St. Mary's, Belmont, Sunday.

Sarah Bernhardt's presentation of the new play "La Samaritaine" is said to have been one of the greatest and most successful artistic efforts of her life.

## PERSONALITIES IN CONGRESS.

Democratic Airing of Caucus Difficulties.—Bellamy Storer Had McKinley Fast.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—There were probably few Democrats present at the last session of the house who didn't feel a little bit ashamed of the proceedings. Representative Bailey, of Texas, rose to a question of personal privilege, and after having read an editorial from a Washington paper, that claims to be Democratic, calling him in effect a tool of Mr. R., he denounced the writer as an infamous and malicious liar. Later Representative De Armond, of Missouri, arose also to a question of personal privilege, and made a speech explaining his attitude towards the Republican policy of semi weekly adjournments, and disclaiming that he and the Democrats who thought as he did, had rebelled against the Democratic leadership in caucus, and virtually charging that it was the other Democrats who were acting in opposition to the caucus. As if that were not enough for one short sitting, Representative Burke, of Texas, also made a personal explanation, calling the meetings of the house a "great national farce" and saying that so far as his own action was concerned, he had consulted no one. All of this was nuts for the Republicans and Mr. Reed took good pains to allow the Democrats to do as much talking as they wanted to do, so long as they talked against other Democrats. The majority voted for the three day adjournment just the same, and carried it.

THE ALASKA TREATY. The treaty negotiated by the last administration, with Great Britain, defining a portion of the boundary line between Alaska and Canada, will never be ratified in its present shape. By a pretense of liberality in giving the United States about fourteen square miles of territory (which we already had a legal claim to) the wily English diplomats made a trap which was intended to cost the United States all the territory worth having in that section, by shutting out our claims within what is known as our "thirty mile strip" and its intersection with the 141st meridian, and it came very near succeeding too, as the treaty would have been ratified some time ago had not Senator Stewart objected. Mr. Stewart objected on the general principle that the matter was too important to be hastily disposed of, and now that the contents of the treaty is understood, he is being congratulated for having prevented the Senate making a blunder.

BELLAMY STORER AND MCKINLEY. According to current gossip, ex-Representative Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, must be a queer sort of a duck. The story goes that he took advantage of Mr. McKinley's financial obligations to him to force a promise that he should be appointed Assistant Secretary of State. When the promise was made, McKinley did not know that Storer was not on speaking terms with Senator Foraker, or with either of the Republican Congressmen from Cincinnati, and now Storer insists on that appointment being made, although he cannot get the endorsement of either Senator, or any one of the Congressmen's delegation. He has refused to accept a foreign appointment, because his rich wife wishes to follow in the official society of Washington. It is said that McKinley has told Senator Foraker that there was nothing left for him to do but nominate Storer for the place, and that he added that any fit made on the nomination in the senate would not be regarded by him as a fight on the administration. The nomination will almost certainly be rejected.

ANOTHER TARIFF HOLD UP. Certain Republican Senators, among them Manti, Carter, Shoup, Warren and Burrows, have demanded of the Republicans of the Senate Finance Committee that a duty of not less than two cents a pound shall be placed on hides and that the duty on wool shall be raised to meet a schedule submitted by them, and the demand is accompanied by a threat to defeat the tariff bill if their wishes are not complied with. It is clearly within the power of these five Senators to defeat the tariff bill, but it is not the opinion of those best informed that they will make use of that power to such an extent. They are simply exercising their right to make a big bluff in the interest of the products of their states, in order to get as much of the protection swag for their constituents as possible, but in the end they will take what is given them and vote for the bill.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES. Having satisfied themselves that Democratic Senators would make no further concessions, the Republicans accepted the last proposition made by the Democratic steering committee, and the vacancies in the Senate Committees will all be filled in a few days. Politically speaking the committees will stand substantially as they did at the close of the last session. An agreement might have been reached before, but the Republicans wished to punish the silver Republicans for supporting Bryan, and the Democrats insisted that it should not be done, and it was not done.

Commencement at Polkton High School. Correspondence of THE NEWS.

POLKTON, April 21.—The commencement exercises of Polkton High school takes place April 27th and 28th. The literary address is delivered by Rev. J. B. Boone the afternoon of the 27th. There are five graduates. The cantata "The Heroes of '76" will be given the evening of the 28th.

Seth L. Milliken, congressman from the third district of Maine, is dead.

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## FAILED TO AGREE.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ROAD COMMISSION.

They Met Together Today for a Conference, but Failed to Come to a Conclusion.

The joint meeting between the County Commissioners, and the Road Commission was held Friday morning. All the County Commissioners and Messrs. Jno. O. Alexander and R. E. McDonald of the Road Commission were present. The County Commissioners asked the Road Commission for a proposition. They replied that they had none to make, but would be glad to entertain one from the County Commissioners.

To this the Commissioners replied that they supposed that what the Road Commission wanted was money from the general fund for road purposes, and that under the law they had no right to appropriate this money unless they had the supervision of its expenditure, as they were responsible for it to the county.

This proposition was declined by the Road Commission, and they, having no counter proposition to make, withdrew, and the matter rests here.

Col. J. T. Anthony was appointed Judge of election for Ward 4, vice J. Harvey Henderson resigned.

The road commissioners gave out the following regarding the meeting: "The convict and road commission met the county commissioners in conference today to see if they could arrange to carry on the road making of this county. The county commissioners demanded the turning over of the entire management of the convicts to them in lieu of their furnishing the money to carry on the work, and the road commission to be nominally known, and the chairman with no power to examine the warrants for expenses."

## THE SONS INVITED IN.

To Have the Same Privilege as Veterans in Mecklenburg Camp.

The Sons of the Confederate Veterans are hereafter to have the same rights and privileges in the Mecklenburg camp as the veterans themselves. At their meeting last evening the veterans passed a special resolution inviting the local camp of Sons of Veterans to participate with them in all their meetings and acts, and to be in effect a part of the camp of Confederate Veterans.

The preliminary arrangements for Confederate memorial day, May 10th, have been made; and the camp has selected the following committees:

On speaking, W. E. Ardrey, chairman; J. G. Harris, J. M. Sims; committee of arrangements, W. B. Taylor, W. G. Berryhill, W. M. Stitt, veterans; John R. Van Ness, J. H. Alexander, C. A. Bland, sons of veterans.

The procession will start at three o'clock, and the local military companies, schools and other organizations have been invited to take part in the exercises.

## HIS RIGHT ARM FOUND

Lying in a Mass of Rubbish. The Wreck Set Aside.—Railroad Notes.

All that is left of the great wreck at Harrisburg last Sunday has about been cleared away.

What remained of the two engines No. 319 and 840 were taken to the shops at Salisbury yesterday. No. 319 of the engine No. 36, will be overhauled and will be in running shape soon but 840, No. 11's engine was so completely wrecked that no attempt to repair it will be made.

The right arm of fireman Donaldson was found yesterday beneath a pile of rubbish, and near the spot where the collision took place he had his back to the engine and was in the act of throwing a shovel of coal in the furnace.

W. H. Clements, the mill hand from Durham who was so painfully injured in the wreck, was taken home this morning. His father has been with him since Monday night. He is still unable to walk and had to be taken to the train by two negroes.

Death of Mrs. B. F. Brown. Mrs. Susan M. wife of Col. B. F. Brown, of Steel Creek, died Tuesday morning after an illness of several months of dropsy. Deceased was a good woman, a loving wife, and a consistent member of Steel Creek Presbyterian Church. Her neighbors and many friends mourn their loss in her death. The bereaved husband has the sympathies of a large circle of friends.

From the Pollman to the Governor. It is said that during our conductor Stamps, who runs between Washington and New Orleans, has been offered the consulate at Jamaica. Mr. Stamps has been running through Charlotte for many years, and has many friends in Charlotte who will rejoice with him in his good luck. Mr. Stamps is from Georgia.

Trustees Meet First Sunday in May. The trustees of Charlotte township will meet in regular session the first Monday in May. Business of importance will be transacted and it is absolutely necessary that a full attendance be had on that date.

County Alliance to Meet. A meeting of the Mecklenburg county Alliance is called to meet at Huntersville the morning of April 24th at ten o'clock.

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## REPORT ON CIRCUS GOING.

Stirred up a Warm Debate at Mecklenburg Presbytery.

There seems, judging from the Gastonia Gazette, to have been a warm debate over circus going in the Presbytery that met at Gastonia this week. It seems that "set forth" church in an overture that certain ministers, together with office bearers and members of the church had attended the circus and that in view of this it asked for a deliverance from the Presbytery upon the evil complained of. This was referred to a special committee, that made a red-hot report, stating that it "has been the invariable and oft repeated declaration of all our church courts from session to General Assembly, running through several generations that indulgence in such amusements either by attending them personally or affording them aid, encouragement, or comfort in any way is utterly inconsistent with the Christian profession and most palpable and flagrant violation of church vows; that members of the church so indulging expose themselves unbecomingly to the severe censure and discipline of the church; that indulgence in such amusements is a sad evidence of either an unregenerated heart or a hardened conscience;" and pronouncing the severest condemnation on such amusements.

Many ministers protested against the resolution as entirely too harsh, and the Presbytery simply affirmed former utterances on the subject.

PRIZE BUTTING MATCH. Charlotte's Colored People Introduce a New Form of Athletics.

We hear often nowadays of prize fights, cricket matches, and match games of ball and tennis, but it has remained for the colored population of Charlotte to add to the list of athletic sports a highly unique and sportive amusement. This is the prize butting match, and will in the public estimation offset the forward enterprise of those places whose claim to fame is due almost entirely to the air ship.

John Flake and Grant Maxwell were tried in the police court Monday for an affray; but they were in reality two of the professional butters. They were to run at each other from separate corners of the room and butt each other's heads as prize fighters smash each other in the clinch.

The two sides fell out over the number of rounds that should be, butted; and thus the misunderstanding occurred.

L. J. Kirk Gets Two Years. In the Criminal court Saturday the case of the State vs. L. J. Kirk for assaulting Mr. Lake, a bookkeeper in the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office was disposed of. Mr. Kirk pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon but not to secret assault. The jury found him guilty, and Judge Sutton sentenced him to two years on the county roads.

Kirk's counsel filed an appeal to the Supreme court on the grounds of excessive punishment, which was granted. He was released on \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal court.

A Thrilling Game. The thrilling melodrama, "A Chase Around the Bases, or the Tired Scorer" was enacted at the baseball grounds here yesterday. The performance was originally designed for a game of baseball between the Charlotte and Wake Forest teams. The spectators were greatly amused and entertained by the play. The score stood: Wake Forest, 23; Charlotte, 16; that is, that was as many runs as the scorers put down. The corps of expert accountants didn't keep the errors.

Kept Convict Caught. Jim Johnston, one of the convicts at the Sugar Creek camp that escaped on the 14th of this month, was captured Monday night near the square by J. T. Clark, one of the guards. Johnston was sentenced at the September term of the criminal court to 12 months for larceny. He was taken back to camp Monday morning.

Rev. L. R. Pruett last Sunday at Twelfth Street Baptist church received on profession of faith a man ninety-two years of age. This is probably the oldest member ever received in the State by profession of faith.

An Astor Marriage. Sunday at the residence of Z. D. Boyd in York county South Carolina, Mr. A. P. Sellers and Miss Bessie Skinner of Charlotte were married. Squire Z. D. Boyd performed the ceremony. It was a runaway match.

Sent to Judge Sutton for Approval. Mr. M. B. Williamson, the newly appointed clerk of the Criminal court, has forwarded his bond to Judge Sutton for approval. Mr. Williamson declined to state who his bondsmen were.

R. A. Beattie for Alderman. At a Springs meeting held in Ward 1 Monday Mr. R. A. Beattie was unanimously nominated for alderman on the Springs ticket. Addresses were made by Dr. H. M. Wilder and Mr. James Johnston.

Something to Know. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired, nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable and by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, greatly stimulates the liver and kidneys, impurities in the blood, Electric Bitters improves the appetite, this digestion, and it is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Burwell and Dunn's Drug Store.

## SIX CHANGED.

JUDGE SUTTON'S RECORD REGARDING JUDGMENTS.

Mr. Williamson, the Newly Appointed Clerk, Making up His Bond.—Col. Philter's Term Expires May 3rd.

Before leaving Saturday night for his home in Fayetteville, Judge Sutton gave out that he had decided to appoint Mr. M. B. Williamson to succeed Col. W. P. Philter as clerk of the Criminal court. Judge Sutton had on several occasions during the week informed a News reporter that he had not made up his mind who he was to appoint and this answer was given to the reporter at 4 o'clock Saturday evening. It seems that it was rather a hasty decision.

Col. Philter's commission expires on May 3rd. At noon today Mr. Williamson had not completed his bond.

In looking over the records of the court just passed there were six judgments that were changed. In one case three changes took place. The following were the cases referred to.

John Gray, larceny, first sentence three years, second, two years and six months, third, two years.

Will Smith, larceny, first sentence, three years, second, two years and six months.

Mack Gore, larceny, first sentence two years and six months, changed to fifteen months.

L. J. Kirk, assault with deadly weapon, first sentence two years and six months changed to two years.

Henry Werstorf, larceny first sentence two years changed to eighteen months.

Ben Robinson, larceny, first sentence three years changed to two years.

The next term of this court will convene on the 21st of June.

Fayetteville Presbytery in Session. Correspondence of THE NEWS.

At Fayetteville, N. C., April 21.—The Fayetteville Presbytery meets at Red Springs this week. The reports of the Presbytery church at this place for the year ending April 1st, 1897, shows \$3,311 for all causes, the largest amount ever raised here. We hope to have presbytery meet here next session.

Prof. Harrington, of the State University, lectured here last Friday to a large audience. Subject: "A Day in Rome."

The well known lecturer Polk Miller will lecture here tomorrow (Thursday) night. Mr. Miller lectured to a large home some time ago, in the interest of the Vance monument fund.

The Grandest Remedy. Mr. R. V. Greave, merchant of Charlotte, Va., certifies that he had consumed it, was given up to die, sought medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many days sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. I don't fail. Trial bottles free at Burwell and Dunn's Drug Store.

NEW YORK COTTON. NEW YORK, April 21, 1897. COTTON MIDDLING. Futures closed steady.

	High	Low	Close
January	6 87	6 82	6 87 58
February	0 00	0 00	0 00 00
March	0 00	0 00	0 00 00
April	0 00	0 00	0 00 00
May	7 03	7 02	7 06 07
June	7 13	7 07	7 12 13
July	7 18	7 12	7 16 17
August	1 30	6 13	7 18 19
September	6 95	6 91	6 95 96
October	6 81	6 75	6 79 80
November	6 81	6 75	6 79 80
December	6 85	6 79	6 83 84
Sales today			131,400

NEW YORK, April 21, 1897. STOCKS. Sugar 113 1/4. American Tobacco 70. General Electric 30. St. Paul 111 1/2. Northern Pacific 74 1/2. Burlington & Quincy 32 1/2. Southern Railway, preferred 21 1/2. Tennessee Coal & Iron 21 1/2. Rock Island 62 1/2. Union Pacific 62 1/2. Baltimore & Ohio 103 1/2. New York Union 103 1/2. Delaware & Hudson 103 1/2. Louisville & Nashville 40 1/2.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. LIVERPOOL, April 21—4 p. m. Middlings 4 3/8—Sales 12,000. Closed steady.

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